

QUARTERLY REPORT



CITY OF SUNNYVALE

FALL 2007

TOWN CENTER REDEVELOPMENT UPDATE

With the old Town Center mall building completely demolished, Sunnyvale residents got their first look at updated plans for the redevelopment project at a community outreach meeting in August. The meeting was one of a series of public education and comment meetings hosted by the City and project developers.

Target has revealed plans for their new store. The design is a completely new approach for their stores; one that corporate representatives say may well be the prototype for their stores in the future. From the City's perspective, the Target store presents a design challenge. With a 188,000 square-foot size, some 28,000 square feet larger than the current store, there is a risk that it could look heavy and

out of place. But the use of glass and other design elements have resulted in a creative and visually interesting store design.

When completed, the new Target store will have all of its retail space on the second floor, with the space under the store filled with parking and other retail shops. Target is now planning to close in early 2008 to begin demolition and then construction of the new store, with an expected opening in 2009.

What's Changing in the Redevelopment Project?

With Sand Hill Property Management and RREEF as project developers, several features have been added to the original project design to enhance the vitality and viability of the area. Overall, the division of space has been changed slightly, with the new plans calling for 991,000 square feet of retail

space, 315,000 square feet of office space and 292 ownership housing units. Developers have added a 133,000 square foot hotel that could have as many as 200 rooms. The hotel will be located at Murphy and McKinley Avenues.

A 14-screen movie theater is still planned for the development. But the most-asked question these days is "When will the stores open?"

Look for shops to begin opening in early 2009.

Monthly public meetings to discuss demolition mitigation measures and construction schedule are held the last Wednesday of each month at 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Meetings are held at 704 Capella Way (the corner of Capella Way and Frances Street) in the Town and Country Village. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 31.

For more information, visit Downtown.inSunnyvale.com. ☼

INSIDE

Get full text and impartial analysis of each measure by visiting BallotMeasures.inSunnyvale.com

2007 ELECTION

Candidate Debates and Forum

Live KSUN-15 Broadcast

7 p.m., Tuesday, October 2
(Part 1)

7 p.m., Thursday, October 4
(Part 2)

Watch it live in Council Chambers, or on KSUN-15.

Rebroadcast throughout October

Candidate Response Night (if warranted)

7 p.m., Monday, November 5
(Live on KSUN-15)

If warranted, candidates can respond to their opponent's negative campaigning.

ELECTION TIME NEARS

MEASURES, COUNCIL CANDIDATES ON NOVEMBER BALLOT

Seven Council candidates and 11 Sunnyvale ballot measures await voters when they go to the polls this November. Here's a quick guide to what's at stake:

Council Candidates

(in order of appearance on ballot)

Council Seat 4

David Whittum
Dean Chu (i)

Council Seat 5

Otto Lee (i)

Council Seat 6

Ron Swegles (i)
Dixie Carney

Council Seat 7

Melinda Hamilton (i)
Pat Meyering

Ballot Measures

Measure B

\$108 million general obligation bonds for Library of the Future

Measure C

Charter amendment limiting Council terms to eight years in any 12-year period.

Measure D

Charter amendment clarifying how long and on how many boards and commissions members may serve.

Measure E

Charter amendment allowing Council to fill vacancies on the Personnel Board if two employee-nominated members are not nominated and elected within six months of a vacancy, and to delete the prohibition against officers in any local, state or national partisan political organization from serving on the Personnel Board.

Measure F

Charter amendment adding new language that provides for budget review and recommendations by all boards and commissions.

Measure G

Charter amendment allowing Council to permit additional excused leave beyond the four personal leave days currently permitted, and to determine whether any additional excused leave days will be paid or unpaid leave.

Measure H

Charter amendment to require Council to select the mayor and vice mayor at the first regular meeting in January and to change the term of the mayor from one year to two years.

Measure I

Charter amendment to add language that strongly encourages the city manager to reside in the City of Sunnyvale and to remove the city manager residency requirement,

which is in conflict with the state constitution.

Measure J

Charter amendment to add language that requires the annual submission of a 10-year balanced budget that includes level of service information, historical financial trend data and charts for ease of understanding the budget.

Measure K

Charter amendment to provide for certification of election results at the first meeting in January, reflect current practice of study sessions and closed sessions in locations other than Council Chambers, certify election returns, provide for sanctions for disorderly conduct, clarify that the city clerk reports to the city manager, and allow for publication on the Internet.

Measure L

Charter amendment to clarify that a city manager pro tem is appointed for an absence of more than two weeks, that the city manager and city attorney can be removed without cause, that the city manager appoints the city clerk, require city attorney approval for outside counsel, and specify that the lowest bidder for public works contracts must be responsive and responsible.

For more information, visit elections.inSunnyvale.com. ☼



CITY OF SUNNYVALE Fall 2007

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VOTER REGISTRATION

How to Register to Vote

To register to vote you must obtain and complete a voter registration form. Voter registration forms can be obtained by calling your local county elections official (listed below) and requesting a form, using the English/Spanish online voter registration form available at www.ss.ca.gov/elections or calling the toll-free voter registration hotline at (800) 345-VOTE and requesting a form.

When to Re-Register to Vote

You will need to re-register to vote when:

- You move
- You change your name
- You change your political party affiliation

As a California voter, you should be aware that there are ongoing local elections throughout the state. In Santa Clara County, the last day to register to vote for the November 6 election is October 22. You can acquire a voter registration form either at your local county elections office, Library, or U.S. Post Office. It is important that the completed voter registration form has a 15-day deadline postmark on it. It is not the Secretary of State's Office desire

to disenfranchise anyone from the voting process.

Sample Ballots

A sample ballot will be mailed to each voter who registers or re-registers at least 29 days prior to an election. Persons who register between 29 and 15 days prior to an election may be sent a sample ballot if there is time to process these last minute registrations. If not, such registrants will receive a post card confirming voter registration, which will also include a notice of their polling place location.

For all elections, extra sample ballots will be available at polling place locations.

Brief Questions and Answers

Question: I did not vote in the last election. Do I need to re-register?

Answer: In general, you are registered for as long as you remain at the same address, and you should continue to receive election materials in the mail. However, if you have not voted in the last several elections, you may be sent a request to confirm that you have not moved, and your registration may be eventually canceled.

Question: I sent in my voter registration form a month ago and I

still don't know where to vote. Did you receive my registration card?

Answer: To inquire about your voter registration status, you must call your county clerk or registrar of voters.

Question: How can I vote Absentee?

Answer: Any registered voter may vote by absentee ballot. You may vote absentee by applying in writing to your county elections official, completing the absentee ballot application that is included in your sample ballot, which your county elections official will mail to you prior to each election or downloading and completing an absentee ballot application at www.ss.ca.gov/election.

Question: When may I apply for an absentee ballot?

Answer: You may request an absentee ballot more than 29 days before an election, but not fewer than seven days in advance.

Question: Where is my polling place?

Answer: Your polling place location will be printed on the sample ballot you receive from your local county elections official prior to an election.

For More Information Please Contact:
Voter Registration Division
1555 Berger Drive, Building 2
P.O. Box 1147, San Jose, CA 95108
Phone: (408) 299-VOTE ☎

ELECTION DAY ON TUESDAYS?

WHY THE FIRST TUESDAY IN NOVEMBER

Source: Federal Election Commission

For much of our history, America was a predominantly agrarian society. Law makers therefore took into account that November was perhaps the most convenient month for

farmers and rural workers to be able to travel to the polls.

The fall harvest was over, (remember that spring was planting time and summer was taken up with working the fields and tending the crops) but in the majority of the nation the weather was still mild enough to permit travel over unimproved roads.

Why Tuesday?

Since most residents of rural America had to travel a significant distance to the county seat in order to vote, Monday was not considered reasonable since many people would need to begin travel on Sunday. This would, of course, have conflicted with Church services and Sunday worship.

Why the first Tuesday after the first Monday? Lawmakers wanted to prevent Election Day from falling on the first of November for two reasons. First, November 1 is All Saints Day, a Holy Day of Obligation for Roman Catholics. Second, most merchants were in the habit of doing their books from the preceding month on the first. Apparently, Congress was worried that the economic success or failure of the previous month might prove an undue influence on the vote. ☎

WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET INVOLVED WITH ASSISTING THE CITY COUNCIL?

Board and commission members serve on a volunteer basis and are appointed by City Council. These positions assist City Council and help to set the direction for Sunnyvale. Special requirements and qualifications, such as residency, voter registration and professional experience may be required.

City residents interested in serving on a City of Sunnyvale board or commission may obtain an application at the Office of the City Clerk, 603 All America Way – South Annex, Sunnyvale, or by calling (408) 730-7595.

Recruitment is currently underway for openings on:

- Arts Commission
- Board of Building Code Appeals
- Housing and Human Services Commission

For more information call (408) 730-7595, TDD (408) 730-7501 or visit *BoardsAndCommissions.inSunnyvale.com*. ☎

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR VOTING

To vote in California, you must be:

- At least 18 years old by election day
- A U.S. Citizen
- A California resident
- Not in prison or on parole for a felony
- Not declared mentally incompetent by court action
- Registered at least 15 days before the election

**FOR ALL
CITY SERVICES,
TDD ACCESS
(408) 730-7501**

VOTERS TO DECIDE FUTURE GROWTH OF THE SUNNYVALE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Sunnyvale’s Public Library has served the Sunnyvale community for almost 100 years. Parents and their children rely on the Library for its educational and learning programs. The Library and local public schools work together to provide public library access to Sunnyvale students. Community college students count on the Library for research materials and seniors living on fixed income use the Library for free access to books and other materials.

In 2006, the Sunnyvale Library had more than 2.2 million checkouts and welcomed more than 766,000 visitors. The Sunnyvale Library is one of the busiest in the state for its size.

The Need for a New Sunnyvale Library

The existing Library building was opened to the public in 1960 after voters passed a bond to fund its construction. Since then a lot has changed. Sunnyvale’s population has more than doubled, and technology has changed the way we use our Library. Expanding from its original size in 1960 of 20,000 square feet to its current size of 60,800 square feet by 1985, the existing facility lacks adequate space, for example, for the children’s reading room and educational programs for students. Quiet adult reading areas are scarce. In 2006, Library staff, architects, the Board of Library Trustees and community members completed the Library of the Future Study and Strategy. In June 2007, Sunnyvale City Council approved the resulting conceptual plan for a new Library. The Library would be located at Olive Avenue and Charles Street, very close to the existing Library, and is targeted to be approximately 116,000 square feet. A \$108 million bond measure has been placed on the November 2007 ballot for voter approval to fund construction of the new Library.

The Library of the Future

Designed to Support Sunnyvale’s Growing Population

The new Library building would provide more space for expansion of the collection of books, CDs, DVDs and downloadable material. Space for more reading areas, seating and group study spaces would be added. Parking for Library users would be expanded.

Expanded Educational Programs for Children

The new Library would have a larger children’s reading room with expanded facilities for computer classes, homework assistance, tutoring and group study programs. The Library would promote literacy through creative and innovative interactive programs for children and teens.

Modern, Up-to-Date Physical Infrastructure

Upgraded plumbing, ventilation and heating systems would ensure preservation of the Library’s collection

and a comfortable environment for visitors. Upgraded electrical systems would permit expanded and upgraded computer labs, wireless Internet access and other research technologies. The building would incorporate green design concepts and environmental sustainability.

Questions and Answers about the New Sunnyvale Library

1. How much will the new Library cost?

The Library bond measure on the November ballot would authorize \$108 million for Library construction if supported by two-thirds of the voters on Election Day. The bond revenue may only be used to pay for construction and may not be used for operational costs. The City estimates \$2.2 million will be needed annually to operate the new Library. Commercial and residential property owners would be assessed an average of \$19.52 per \$100,000 of assessed value (not market value) per year for 30 years to pay off the bond. To date, any opposition that the City is aware of has cited the cost of the new Library as a concern. Supporters assert the new Library will meet the needs of Sunnyvale’s population.

2. What will happen to the existing Library building?

The new Library would be built at Olive Avenue and Charles Street at the Civic Center. The existing Library building may be used as office space for the City or for a yet to be determined community use.

3. What will happen to the Charles Street Garden if a new Library is built?

Recognizing that the community garden is a community asset, Sunnyvale City Council has expressed strong support for maintaining the community garden in its present location if possible, taking into account the various project requirements and site opportunities for the Library.

4. When will the new Sunnyvale Library be opened?

If voters approve funding, design of the approximate 116,000 square-foot Library would begin next year, and the new Sunnyvale Public Library would be anticipated to open in 2011.

5. How will the new Library be designed? Will there be community input?

The new Library has not been designed yet. The Library of the Future Study and Strategy presented a number of ideas and a preferred strategy, or conceptual design, developed by the firm Anderson Brulé Architects, Library staff, the Board of Library Trustees, and community members. The study included multiple community forums, meetings with community members and comments from hundreds of Sunnyvale residents. If the bond measure is supported by two-thirds of the voters, architects will be hired to develop a final design based on previously discussed ideas and additional community input.

For more information about Sunnyvale’s Library of the Future, please visit *LibraryOfTheFuture.inSunnyvale.com*.

Public Comment Period Extended for Mary Avenue EIR

Public comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Mary Avenue Extension Project will now be received until November 12. This extends the public comment period to 81 days. The comment period is being extended to allow members of the community to thoroughly review and comment on the document.

SUNNYVALE TOWN CENTER REDEVELOPMENT ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE

Q: What is going on?

A: More than 50 years ago, several dry cleaning facilities operated in what is now the Sunnyvale downtown redevelopment area. Environmental sampling performed in late 2006 and early 2007 as part of initial due diligence work identified the presence of certain chemicals in soil, soil gas and groundwater. In the eastern portion of the site, a chemical known as PCE, which is associated with dry cleaning operations, was found in soil, soil gas and groundwater at levels warranting additional investigation.

Q. Is my water safe to drink?

A: Yes. The City of Sunnyvale provides drinking water to the public from three sources, none of which are impacted by PCE. PCE has not been detected in either groundwater wells or surface water delivered through the City’s distribution system. The City publishes a report each year on the quality of its water. Those reports are available at *WaterQuality.inSunnyvale.com*.

Q. What is being done?

A: The Sunnyvale Redevelopment Agency and the project developer are working closely with the Regional Water Quality Control Board to investigate the scope of the contamination and to perform any necessary cleanup. Field work, much of which is being performed at night to minimize impact to traffic, parking and businesses, is expected to be completed in October, and a report with findings is expected by November.

Q. How can I find out more?

A: Copies of available reports are at the Sunnyvale Public Library, 665 W. Olive Ave. For more information about the downtown redevelopment project, visit *Downtown.inSunnyvale.com*.



A contractor prepares to collect a soil gas sample.

Photo: City of Sunnyvale

VALUE LINE FINANCIAL RESEARCH DATABASE Is Now Available At The Library

The Sunnyvale Public Library has a varied array of information sources available online. One of the newest additions to the Library's business

and personal finance databases is the much respected Value Line online. Value Line provides timely information on stocks, mutual funds, special situations, options and convertibles and is widely regarded as one of the most trustworthy resources for personal investments.

For 75 years, Value Line has been used not only by professionals, but also by everyday people interested in keeping up-to-date with their personal investments. Value Line is noted for its accurate information, objectivity, independence, reliability and proven performance for investors.

Value Line is available to all Sunnyvale Public Library cardholders, and it can be accessed exclusively inside the Library. The Library has five dedicated public terminals that don't have a time limit.

Value Line has three parts which are broken out into three sections:

The Ratings & Reports section contains handy one-page reports that cover approximately 1,700 companies and more than 90 industries. Each company report contains Value Line's financial and stock price forecasts for the coming

three to five years, an analyst's written commentary and many more useful features.

The Summary & Index section contains an index of all stocks in their print publication as well as many up-to-date statistics to keep investors informed about the latest company results. It also has "stock screens" that are designed to help investors identify companies with particular characteristics.

The Selection & Opinion section contains Value Line's latest economic and stock market forecasts, one-page write-ups about interesting and attractive stocks, model portfolios, and financial and stock market statistics.

Value Line is backed by an independent research staff of more than 70 experienced independent professional security analysts and statisticians.

Sunnyvale Public Library strives to provide valuable informational tools. We invite you to come in and use our latest addition to our online family of information research products! ☀

THE HIGH STRUNG HIT THE BOOKS

The somber, hushed interior of a Library is not the first place you'd expect to find a rock band. Is it even legal to make that much noise in a Library? Apparently so, as The High Strung, the first band to ever conduct a national tour of libraries, gets ready to do it all again. Teens in sixth grade and older and interested adults are invited to see The High Strung perform at Sunnyvale Public Library, Monday, October 22 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Call in October to find out which local high school band will be warming up for them from 5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Fresh off their tour supporting legendary county-folk-roots-rock band Son Volt, The High Strung are now beginning their second annual Library tour. The band will be performing at libraries in more than a dozen states over three months. They won't just be playing, either: the band will lead the audience in a collaborative song improvisation, as well as taking questions about what it's like to be a touring band.

Hailed by *Rolling Stone* magazine as one of the best new, young rock 'n' roll bands in America, NPR's Ken Tucker named The High Strung's debut album *These Are The Good Times* as one of the Top 10 Rock Records of 2003, and the *Washington Post* called the title track "runner up best song of the year." The band's videos have been seen on MTV, including full features in *Entertainment Weekly* and *Spin* magazine.

You can learn more about the band and the tour by visiting them at www.thehighstrung.com.

ACCESS THE LIBRARY CATALOG ON YOUR MOBILE DEVICE

With mobile device users in mind, the Sunnyvale Library is now pleased to offer a text-only catalog interface called AirPAC. AirPAC is essentially identical to the regular online catalog available at the Library and on the Web site, and can be used for browsing the collection, searching for materials, accessing account information or managing holds and renewals. AirPAC users should experience faster loading and a text-only format more suitable for reading on a small screen.

Accessing AirPAC is easy. Just point your browser to AirPAC.inSunnyvale.com and get started. You can begin by searching for items, or log in to your account by clicking the *View your patron information* link and entering your login information. As you navigate around, use the *Up links* to return to a previous screen and *Home* to logout and return to the home screen. To place holds, locate the desired item record and click the *Request* link.

For more information, view the AirPAC page under the Catalog channel at www.sunnyvaleLibrary.org.

OUTREACH MEETING ON SEISMIC SAFETY

Members of the public are invited to a community outreach meeting to comment on an update of the City of Sunnyvale's General Plan, aimed at the City's preparation, response and recovery efforts in the event of a major earthquake. The meeting will be held 7 p.m., Wednesday, November 28 at City Hall Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.

The Seismic Safety sub-element of the Sunnyvale General Plan was originally adopted in 1984 and last updated in 1993. Staff is now updating the sub-element to reflect the City's continued commitment to be prepared in the event of a major emergency involving an earthquake.

More information is available by calling (408) 730-7190, TDD (408) 730-7501, or by e-mailing jgienger@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us.

REGISTER ONLINE FOR A FREE LIBRARY CARD

Believe it or not, a Sunnyvale Public Library Card may be one of the most powerful items you can carry in your wallet or on your keychain. The card opens up a portal to a virtually limitless world of information and enlightenment.

A Sunnyvale Library Card allows you to check out materials from our wide and varied collection. The Library has a variety of fiction and nonfiction books, including new bestsellers and classics. You can also find books in large print, in audio format and in a variety of non-English languages. There is also an extremely popular selection of music CDs and movies, including new-release feature films and a growing selection of documentary films and television programs. The children's and teen collections should also not be missed. Library card holders also enjoy free access to public Internet PCs, which include Microsoft Office applications.

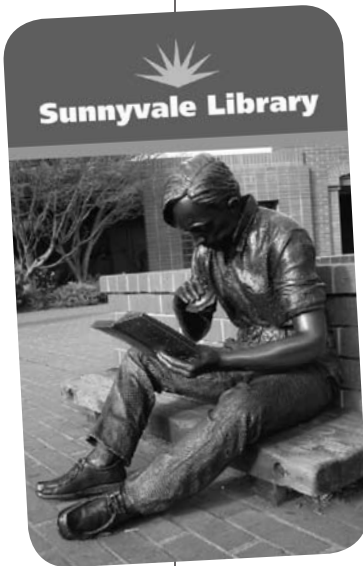
Your Library card is also a key to accessing dozens of online databases through our Library subscriptions. Databases are useful tools for researching almost any topic and contain high-quality information

that can usually not be found in free Internet search engines like Google. Nearly all Library databases can be accessed from any computer on the Internet with your Library card. There really is a whole world of information available at the Library.

With all this potential packaged in a handy plastic card, you will be pleased to know that it is now a little quicker and easier to get a brand new Library card. You can now register online on the Library Web site, www.sunnyvaleLibrary.org. This online form may be used by persons applying for a Sunnyvale Library card for the first

time. If you have ever had a Sunnyvale Library card, even if it is expired or missing, please speak to a Library staff member to have your card renewed or re-issued.

After supplying some basic information, you will be issued a confirmation number, which you can bring to the Circulation Desk at the Library, along with your identification and proof of address for verification purposes. Within minutes, you will carry away your new Library card, and your first selections from the growing collection of books and other media. ☀



LIBRARY PROGRAMS

KIDS’ STORY TIMES

Cuentos en Español

Saturday, October 13; November 13;
December 10, 2 p.m.

Family Story Time

Saturday, October 6, 20; November 3, 17;
December 1, 15, 10:30 a.m.

Lapsit for Babies

Tuesday, October 2, 16, 30; November 13, 27;
December 11, 11 a.m.

Night Owl Story Time

Thursday, October 4, 18;
November 1, 15, 29, 7 p.m.

Preschool Story Time

Thursday, November 1, 8, 15, 29;
December 6, 13, 11 a.m.

A program for 3, 4, and 5 year olds who can participate in group activity without a parent or caregiver. The parent or caregiver may remain in the room for the first day only. Registration is required and begins Thursday, October 18. This session focuses on art activities.

Stories for 1’s

Tuesday, October 9, 23;
November 6, 20; December 4, 11 a.m.

Time for Tales

Monday, October 8, 22;
November 5, 19; December 10, 11 a.m.

For ages 3 – 5.

Toddler Time

Wednesday, October 3, 17, 31;
November 14, 28; December 12, 11 a.m.

Wednesday, October 19, 24;
November 7, 21, December 5, 7 p.m.

For ages 2 – 3½.

KIDS’ SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Chess at the Library

Saturday, October 6;
November 3; December 1, 3 – 5 p.m.

Anyone in 3rd grade or older is welcome to join our volunteer chess tutors at the Library. If you don’t know how to play chess, you can learn. If you do know hot to play chess, you can learn more, or play chess with others.

Tree Trim

Thursday, December 13, 7 p.m.

Listen to stories and create decorations for the Library’s holiday tree. For children 3 and older and their families.

TEEN PROGRAMS

Board Games

Friday, October 26; November 30;
December 28, 2 – 5 p.m.

Anyone in 5th grade and up is welcome to come and play board games with others. The Library will supply many kinds of board games, so come and join us for a great time.

Film Discussion Group

Tuesday, October 2;
November 6; December 4, 7 p.m.

Love watching movies? Teens in 7th grade and older and interested adults are welcome to join these free screenings of great films. Come to the first meeting on September 4 and help to decide what we’ll be watching for the next three months.

Teen Talk

Wednesday, October 10; November 14; December 12, 4 p.m.

A book discussion group for teens in grades 6 – 11. Refreshments provided.

The High Strung in Concert

Monday, October 22, 6:30 p.m.

Teens in grades 6 –12 and adults are invited to hear this cutting-edge rock band. A local high school band will warm up for them between 5:30 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Yarn Days

Monday, October 8, 22; November 12, 26, December 3, 17, 3 – 5 p.m.

Learn to knit or crochet. Teens and interested adults are welcome to bring their yarn projects to the Library Program Room and have fun while working on

them. If you want to learn how, bring some yarn. We’ll supply the knitting needles or crochet hooks and teach you how.

LITERATURE PROGRAMS

Read-Along Shakespeare

Gather in the Library Program Room at 7 p.m. with other fans of Shakespeare to read his works and gain new appreciation of these timeless masterpieces. All are welcome.

Monday, October 1, 7 p.m. –
Hamlet (second half)

Monday, November 5, 7 p.m. –
All’s Well That Ends Well

Monday, December 3, 7 p.m. –
Troilus and Cressida

Monthly Book Group

The third Thursday of every month, enjoy the fellowship of readers as you share impressions of books selected by the group, discovering new viewpoints and deepening your reading experience. The group meets at 7 p.m. in the Library Program Room. All are welcome.

The Year of Magical Thinking by Joan Didion

Thursday, October 18, 7 p.m.

The author’s chronicle of the year following the sudden death of her husband of 40 years, writer John Gregory Dunne.

Three Cups of Tea: One Man’s Mission to Promote Peace – One School at a Time by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin.

Thursday, November 15, 7 p.m.

When a small Pakistani village cares for Mortenson after he fails to climb K2, the author promises to build its first school – and goes on to build over 50 schools across Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Intuition by Allegra Goodman

Thursday, December 13, 7 p.m.

An engaging novel which reflects the difficulties of the scientific process and the lure of success. A life-changing controversy engulfs a cancer research lab when they report results that may be too good to be true.

ADULT CLASSES

Adult classes in the Library are a great way to get a free introduction to the Library and its resources, including how to use computers and the Internet, fast becoming one of life’s necessities. Each class is one session, and meets in the Library Program Room unless otherwise noted. No registration is required unless otherwise noted.

Computer Basics

Thursday, November 8, 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.
at the Senior Center

A presentation designed for new or first-time computer users, with an opportunity for hands-on practice. Learn about computers in a relaxed, stress-free setting. This part lecture, part hands-on program lasts two hours. Registration starts two weeks prior to class date.

Extreme Googling

Thursday, October 11, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Learn how to get the most out of Google and improve searching efficiency. You will learn why word order is important, how Google “thinks,” and how to limit and combine terms.

Blogs and Blogging

Wednesday, December 5, 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.

The popularity of blogs has exploded over the past few years and is transforming the way the Web works. Come hear practical ideas for launching your Web presence, learn about free tools to create a blog in minutes and how new technologies can help you reach the world with your message.

Basic Business Research

Tuesday, November 6, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Learn how to find information on starting a small business, writing a business plan, finding company performance data and performing competitive analysis. We will also cover resources for protecting and researching the intellectual property of a business.

Tips for Using the USPTO Web site with an Emphasis on Patents

Tuesday, October 9, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

If you’re an inventor, business owner, entrepreneur, intellectual property

professional, researcher, or just interested in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Web site, this class is for you. With an emphasis on patent research, this orientation to www.uspto.gov will help you locate forms, fees, file histories, status information, scam prevention and complaints, links to related sites and a brief review of patent searching.

I Have an Idea, Now What?

Tuesday, December 4, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

How do you start to turn your great invention idea into reality? Find out about different kinds of intellectual property rights. How much does it cost and how long does it take to get a patent and a trademark? Discover free resources for researching your invention. Learn about the steps you can take now.

ADULT SPECIAL EVENTS

Friends of the Library Book Sales

Saturday, October 27, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
at Raynor Center

Saturday, December 1, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
at the Library

Terrific bargains on a wide variety of books, movies and music. Members-only shopping begins at 9 a.m. for the Raynor Center sale. All proceeds of the sale benefit the Sunnyvale Public Library.

STUDY ISSUE PUBLIC HEARING AND COUNCIL WORKSHOP MOVED TO JANUARY 2008

In response to proposed amendments to the City Charter on the November ballot, the 2008 Study Issues Public Hearing and Council Workshop may be held in January (specific date still pending).

Proposed amendments to the City Charter on the November ballot would move seating of newly-elected council members and selection of the mayor and vice mayor to the first regular Council meeting in January. Traditionally these activities have occurred in November, and the Study Issues and Council Workshop have been held in December, ensuring that the Council proposes, reviews and ranks study issues for the upcoming year.

The City’s study issue process assists City Council with setting study priorities for the calendar year. As the name suggests, study issues are issues proposed for in-depth study by staff to better inform Council decisions. They can be raised by Council, boards and commissions, or staff. Proposed issues are submitted throughout the year, and Council prioritizes them at the annual Council workshop. Each department then plans its workload for the coming year based on the Council ranking.

The study issues public hearing is held annually to gather public comment on proposed study issues and is an opportunity for members of the public and the Boards and Commissions representatives to share their priorities with the Council. The public hearing also provides Council with the opportunity to introduce new issues based on public comment and request revisions to issues. At the Council study issues workshop, department directors present their departments’ issues, and the Council drops, defers or ranks the issues.

For more information, please visit StudyIssues.InSunnyvale.com or contact Intergovernmental Relations Officer Yvette Agredano, at (408) 730-7480.

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CONNECTIONS: 2007 – HARVESTING TALENT

NOVA Sponsors 17th Annual Awards Event

In 1991, NOVA – the City of Sunnyvale’s Department of Employment Development – inaugurated a celebration designed to recognize deserving individuals for their outstanding achievements relative to furthering themselves and their career objectives. This event has

continued annually since that time and this year’s event is shaping up to be no less moving than the one held in the De Anza College cafeteria 16 years ago.

The NOVA Workforce Board, NOVA’s advisory group, sponsors this well-attended event on behalf of the CONNECT! collaborative of regional employment-related organizations. While the event has grown to recognize individuals from among these 35 partner organizations, NOVA and the City of Sunnyvale continue to play significant roles in the event.

Scott McGrew, host and producer of NBC11’s popular TechNow program, will return to emcee for his second year, and Sunnyvale Mayor Otto Lee will assist in the presentation of awards.

Ten individuals will be honored at the event with Alumni Awards in recognition of their noteworthy efforts to overcome significant challenges in pursuit of their career goals. Of these ten, three had participated in various NOVA programs and two – an inspirational mother-daughter pair – were successful graduates of Sunnyvale-

Cupertino Adult & Community Education’s Certified Nurse Assistant program.

Awards will also be presented to a number of organizations and individuals for their exemplary contributions to the efforts of the CONNECT! collaborative. These Community Partner Award recipients include the Bill Wilson Center, Manpower Staffing, and Mastermind Educational Services, and the regional “Solar Center of Excellence,” known as SolarTech. Karen Davis, the City of Sunnyvale’s recently-retired economic development manager, will also receive special recognition for her long-time support of the regional workforce development system.

The public is welcome to attend this luncheon event, scheduled for Wednesday, October 10, at the Hyatt Regency, Santa Clara. For additional information about the event or to register to attend, please visit www.novaworks.org/awardsevent. Or for information about NOVA’s services for job seekers, visit www.novaworks.org or call the CONNECT! Job Seeker Center at (408) 774-2365. ☀

CITY OF SUNNYVALE YOUTH BASKETBALL OFFICIALS AND SCOREKEEPERS

Saturdays, January 19 – March 15
\$8 – \$10.50/hour, DOE

Referee and scorekeeper positions are available for the Sunnyvale Youth Basketball League. This program serves first through eighth grade boys and girls. All games run on Saturdays, January 19 – March 15, from approximately 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. at various Sunnyvale school facilities. This program is a non-competitive league which encourages everyone to play and to learn the game.

The referee and scorekeeper position requires knowledge of basic basketball rules and the skills necessary to play basketball. Individuals must have the ability to officiate while instructing players in developing skills and understanding the rules of the game. A mandatory basic referee training clinic is held prior to the start of the season. Individuals must possess the ability to work with parents, coaches and children, and have the ability to develop and maintain a high standard of professional conduct and civil responsibility. Applicants must be at least 16 years old.

Interested applicants should contact the league coordinator at (408) 730-7721 by December 3.



SUNNYVALE RESIDENTS SAY THEY’RE HAPPY WITH THEIR CITY

Eighty-five percent of Sunnyvale survey respondents ranked the City’s quality of life as good or excellent, and 93 percent favorably rated Sunnyvale as a good or excellent place to live.

The data comes for the City’s latest Resident Satisfaction Survey, a biennial, scientifically-based survey of residents that rates satisfaction with a broad range of City services. Sunnyvale residents have typically displayed a very high level of satisfaction with these services and their confidence in City Hall.

An important finding in this year’s survey is that 85 percent favorably cited the openness and acceptance of the community towards people of diverse backgrounds. Given Sunnyvale’s broad ethnic and cultural mix, the City has worked hard to include all community members in City programs and services, and through the use of multicultural working groups, has sought better ways to reach its residents.

When it comes to safety, only 7 percent of the respondents felt crime is a problem in Sunnyvale, which echoes the fact that the City’s already low crime rate continues to drop. The highest-rated potential problem in the City is traffic congestion, a problem facing the entire Bay Area. Twelve percent of respondents, double the number of previous years, expressed concerns about traffic congestion.

Because the City of Sunnyvale now uses a national polling firm that also conducts surveys of many other cities, comparative data is available, showing how Sunnyvale is doing compared to other cities.

Of 111 cities nationwide, Sunnyvale ranked as the ninth most desirable place to work, and placed seventh in its openness and acceptance towards people of diverse backgrounds. And while traffic congestion is a concern, the City placed sixth overall in the quality of its traffic signal timing.

Sunnyvale’s City Hall continued its record of high marks. The City earned good ratings for the value residents receive for their taxes and the degree that Sunnyvale welcomes community involvement. Reflecting on the safety of the City, police, fire and EMS services all received 90 percent or better favorable ratings, and City of Sunnyvale employees once again received good-to-excellent ratings in their knowledge, responsiveness and courtesy.

The complete survey report is available online at *ResidentSurvey.inSunnyvale.com*, and questions can be directed to the City’s Communications Division at (408) 730-7535, TDD (408) 730-7501, or e-mail Communications@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us. ☀

CITY OF SUNNYVALE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Economic Development Division can provide assistance with starting or expanding your Sunnyvale business, including:

- Demographic Information
- Real Estate Information
- Facilitation
- Permit Process

Economic Development Division
econdev@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us
www.sunnyvale-econdev.com

For information about Sunnyvale shopping center businesses, visit www.ishopsunnyvale.com, or call (408) 730-7607, TDD (408) 730-7501.

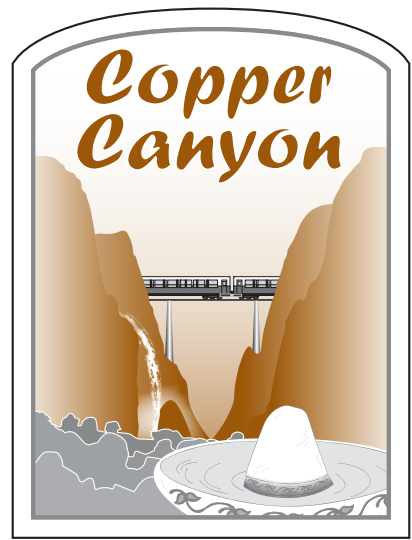
SENIOR TRIPS

The Senior Center trip program is offering another wonderful quarter of exciting daylong and extended trips. The day trips are led by two volunteer escorts and depart from the Senior Center on deluxe motorcoaches. The extended trips are led by Sunnyvale Senior Center's trip specialist, and most include round-trip transportation, departing from the Senior Center, deluxe hotel accommodations, most meals, narrated tours and gratuities for services provided. Whether you participate in a daylong trip, an overnight bus trip, a cruise or an extended trip of many nights, you'll have an opportunity to meet new friends, see some great sights and return home with wonderful memories.

Select a trip from one of the nine day-long trips offered each quarter, or one of our extended trips, and we'll handle the rest. Trip information is listed on the Web at *Seniors.inSunnyvale.com*, in the Senior Center's quarterly Steppin' Out Messenger newsletter, in the Senior Center's quarterly Activity Guide and in flyers in the lobby of the Senior Center. If you are not currently receiving the publications, and would like to, contact the Sunnyvale Senior Center at (408) 730-7360, TDD (408) 730-7501.

Copper Canyon

Saturday, March 1, 2008 –
Monday, March 10, 2008



We've received many requests for this very popular trip. We fly into Arizona and meet Tour Director Chris Erin, then begin our journey towards Mexico. Trip highlights include a museum in the historic town of Tombstone; overnighing in Nueva Casa Grandes; the Paquime Ruins, which were occupied from 900 to 1340 A.D.; visiting a pottery studio; traveling through the state of Chihuahua, with its magnificent scenery; touring the city of Chihuahua and its State Capital and home of Pancho Villa; touring the town of Creel and its Tarahumara Indian Museum, and the nearby Valley of the Mushrooms, Valley of the Frogs, Mission of San Ignacio, and the Tarahumara Boarding School; riding the Chihuahua Al Pacifico Train on a two-day rail journey through breathtaking scenery, including rivers, lakes,

numerous bridge crossing and deep chasms of Copper Canyon, which is four times larger than the Grand Canyon; overnighing in the Divisadero Area with its spectacular Copper Canyon views; taking a walking tour of the charming colonial town of El Fuerte, founded in 1564 by the Spaniards; motoring through Mexico's most fertile landscapes – the states of Sonora and Sinaloa – to the seaside resort town of San Carlos, located on the Sea of Cortez, for a two-night stay; visiting the Port of Guaymas, a Pearl Farm; having leisure time for an optional cruise on the Sea of Cortez; visiting the State Capital of Hermosillo; and crossing the U.S. border on our way back to Arizona.

This 10-day, nine-night trip includes: round-trip airport transfers and airfare, hotel accommodations, tours and admission per itinerary, comprehensive sightseeing, 2 day train trip, 17 meals (9 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 6 dinners), professional tour director Chris Erin, and gratuities for services provided.

Price is \$2,294 per person double occupancy, \$2,844 single occupancy. Deposit is \$500, with balance due December 14. The slide show about this trip will be on Wednesday, September 12, at 10 a.m. in the Apricot Room.

Switzerland to Belgium Cruise

May 24, 2008 – June 8, 2008



Book before September 20 and save \$350 per person

Join us as we travel through five countries on five rivers including the legendary Rhine, where we'll see more medieval castles than along any other river valley in the world, explore the Rhine's famous wine region with its breathtaking landscape of terraced vineyards, and visit old-world towns. Some of the highlights are: Switzerland's fascinating Basel; Germany's enchanting Black Forest region; France's Strasbourg; Germany's castle-dotted landscape; Rhine's famous wine region; quaint Rudesheim; Cologne, the jewel of the Rhine; the Netherlands, with Amsterdam's picturesque canals and fabulous museums; and Belgium and its medieval cities of Brugge and Antwerp. This cruise truly shows us the "Treasure of the Rhine." We'll be traveling with Viking River Cruises, voted #1 River Cruise Line, and enjoy escorted tours with complimentary personal headsets, so we won't miss any fascinating details while on a shore excursion. Trip includes group trip cancellation & medical insurance, gratuities for transfers

between Senior Center and SFO, round-trip airfare and skycaps from SFO to Europe, all taxes and fuel surcharges, all transfers, all meals on board, and shore excursion in each town with English speaking guides. You must have a passport that is valid through December 8, 2008 to travel on this trip. Note there is extensive walking, sometimes on cobblestone or uneven ground. Prices of the cabins are listed in the flyer. ☼

SUNNYVALE SENIOR CENTER UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

Mark your calendar for the following Friday events.

OKTOBERFEST October 5, noon

Meine damen und herren. Come dressed in your lederhosen and dirndl to enjoy a traditional Bavarian lunch and listen to the sounds of an oom-pah band.
Price: \$8 members, \$10 non-members. Guests are welcome. Purchase tickets by October 3.

THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON November 16, noon

You're invited to attend our annual Thanksgiving luncheon with all the traditional favorites. After lunch, you will be entertained by the Columbia Middle School Choir.
Price: \$10 members, \$12 non-members. Guests are welcome. Purchase tickets by November 14.

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON December 7, noon

This is your day to dress up in holiday attire and celebrate the season. After a delicious lunch, sit back and enjoy some festive entertainment.
Price: \$10 members, \$12 non-members. Guests are welcome. Purchase tickets by December 5.

For more information, call (408) 730-7360, TDD (408) 730-7501.

NEED ART SPACE?



Need a space to create your art? Room to spread out? Company while you create? Feedback on your artwork? Then come join fellow artists for an afternoon of camaraderie, creativity and conversation.
The Paint Room at the Sunnyvale Community Center will be open to the public Fridays from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. for an open painting studio. The studio provides great light, large tables, crank easels capable of holding large canvases, bench easels, and picturesque views of the Community Center's lower pond. Artists should bring their painting supplies and tools, a snack and a \$4 fee. Artists working in other media are also welcome.
For more information, please contact the City of Sunnyvale's visual arts coordinator at (408) 730-7758 or at *kdance@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us*.

INTERNET SAFETY

The Internet has become an indispensable tool in today's society. But for all its benefits, the Internet poses many dangers. This year, the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety (DPS), in partnership with Yahoo!, continues its efforts to prevent internet crimes against children by providing Internet safety presentations to all 6th grade students in the city. I-Safe, a leader in Internet safety, has joined the team and will provide additional resources to educate our youth. DPS, Yahoo! and California Technology Assistance Project (CTAP) are holding a "Cyber Citizenship" symposium for Santa Clara County school administrators. Yahoo! has

graciously agreed to host the all day event, October 19. The event offers attendees the opportunity to communicate with industry leaders and law enforcement personnel to help them understand critical issues regarding the internet and how it affects schools, policy issues, and long-range goals. Considering that our children are the first "wired" generation, it is incumbent upon parents to understand the dangers online and to understand the necessary techniques to keep their children safe while surfing the 'net. In addition to online predators, our children also face the harsh world of cyberbullying where they can be picked on long after the

school bell rings. The attacks by cyberbullies are shared with many more people and can destroy the victim's image, self confidence, and ultimately lead to poor academic performance or other serious consequences. Meanwhile, these children routinely fail to notify an adult because "my parents don't understand", and usually quietly suffer until it results in a conflict at school or their grades drop. Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety offers a parent presentation in the community. Do your part in becoming aware by scheduling a parent presentation at your child's school by calling the Sunnyvale Crime Prevention Unit at (408) 730-7140. ☎

DO TRAFFIC SIGNALS HAVE YOU SEEING RED?

The dangers of running red lights are a local and national problem. Running a red light can seriously injure or kill an innocent motorist, pedestrian or bicyclist. In 2006, there were more than 1,000 red-light-related collisions in Santa Clara County, nearly all of which resulted in injuries – four of them fatal. Of those, almost 100 were at intersections in Sunnyvale. In August, the Department of Public Safety, along with other Santa Clara County law enforcement agencies, participated in a safety campaign targeting red light violations. The campaign was sponsored by the Traffic Safe Communities Network of Santa Clara County (TSCN), in conjunction with the National Campaign to Stop Red Light Running. The campaign took place the week of August 5 – 11. During that period, traffic enforcement efforts concentrated on red light violations at major intersections within the region. In addition, TSCN coordinated media opportunities throughout the county. The goal of the campaign was to bring attention to the dangers associated with red light running to decrease accidents and injuries. Traffic education, engineering and enforcement remain the keys to reducing red light violations. Sunnyvale is committed to working cooperatively with the community to decrease the number of collisions and injuries in the City. Members of the public may report traffic-related concerns by calling the City's traffic safety division at (408) 730-7109.

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BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY TIPS

Brought to you by the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety Safe Routes to School.

- Do not cross the street alone if you are younger than age 10.
- Wear a bicycle helmet on every ride. Studies have shown that a bicycle helmet can reduce injuries by up to 85 percent.
- Never play in the road.
- Look both ways for oncoming vehicles before turning or crossing a street. Go only when it is clear.
- Teach your children to not "show off" on their bikes. Hands should be kept on the handlebars. Avoid "wheelies", "stoppies", and jumping curbs.
- Always try to walk on paths or sidewalks. Look both ways for danger before and while crossing the street.
- Teach children to obey the rules of the road including traffic signs, signals, and road markings.
- Walk; do not run, into the street.
- Make sure your bike fits your height, weight, and age. Inflate

tires properly and check brakes before riding.

- Dress in bright colors or wear reflective materials so drivers can easily see you.
- Teach children to walk their bike across busy streets, at corners, and crosswalks.
- Watch for cars backing out of parking spaces and driveways.
- Teach children to ride on the right side of the street in single file, and use hand signals to help drivers understand their intentions.
- Use the crosswalk – it's the safest place to cross.
- Push the button and wait for the walk signal before crossing the street.
- The best way to become a pro at safely crossing the street is PRACTICE.
- Watch out for potholes, cracks, rocks, wet leaves, storm grates, railroad tracks or anything that could make you lose control of your bike. ☎



9-1-1 GETS AN UPGRADE

It's early morning at Washington Park, and you're enjoying the solitude. Suddenly you fall, and with no one else around to assist, you call 9-1-1 from your cell phone. Immediately, the 9-1-1 dispatcher sees your location not only as an address but also on a map using Global Positioning System

technology. This is the future of Emergency Services. Public Safety and Information Technology are working behind the scenes to make it happen. On August 1, Information Technology and Public Safety Communications staff successfully completed the installation and

implementation of a new emergency 9-1-1 phone system. The new system, purchased with state 9-1-1 funds specifically allotted to the City of Sunnyvale, includes features such as the ability to see the address of the 9-1-1 call as it is ringing into the dispatch center. This is the first 9-1-1 phone system upgrade since 2000. ☀

ROPES A CHALLENGE

The City of Sunnyvale has a new tool to help at-risk youth. Sunnyvale has partnered with Challenge Learning Center to using the ROPES course at Sunnyvale's Baylands Park to challenge at-risk behavior and develop self esteem and team work.

ROPES is a variety of low and high wire courses designed to build confidence and decision-making ability in the participants. It also helps build trust and encourage teamwork. In each event, whether it is low or high wire, participants have to learn to cooperate with one another to accomplish their ultimate goal. In high wire events,

participants not only have to work with each other above ground, but they also have to depend on people on the ground that support the participants on safety lines. For more information about the Sunnyvale ROPES course, contact Mariana Alvarez at (408) 730-7117, TDD (408) 730-7501, or e-mail malvarez@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us. ☀

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Join the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety and other City departments for fun, food and neighborhood spirit at an old-fashioned pancake breakfast, prepared by Sunnyvale DPS personnel.

- Saturday, October 13, 8 a.m. – 11 a.m., Fire Station 2 (Wolfe Road and Arques Avenue)
- Suggested donations: \$6 per adult, \$4 for kids 10 and under
- Proceeds benefit the Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation. For more information, call (408) 730-7140.

POWER PULL FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS

The Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety (DPS) participated in the 2007 Power Pull for Special Olympics Northern California on July 14. The annual event challenges teams to pull a 38,000 pound, gravel-filled concrete truck, and a 66,000 pound Sunnyvale fire truck. Teams pull and tug their hardest to raise money and awareness for the athletes of Special Olympics. This year's event raised \$20,000 for Special Olympics Northern California, which provides year-round sports training and competition at no cost to children and adults with developmental disabilities.



Photo: Dori Fontaine

GET RID OF YOUR UNWANTED VEHICLE – FOR FREE

Sunnyvale residents who have an unwanted vehicle that is taking up parking space may have the vehicle disposed of at no cost during Sunnyvale's Fall Clean-up Tow-away program.

Throughout October, residents may call the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety (DPS) and request a pick-up appointment. Requests will be sent to a City-approved towing company, which will call residents directly to arrange for tow-away of

the vehicle. Vehicle owners must sign over ownership and turn in the vehicle's pink slip to the approved towing company. Vehicles must be towable, with four inflated tires, and have all debris and garbage removed.

Vehicles removed during the fall clean-up do not qualify for a tax deduction. For additional information on the program and to schedule vehicle pick-up, contact Michelle Tani in DPS at (408) 730-7104, TDD (408) 730-7501. ☀



ALARM PERMITS

Applications for alarm permits are now available online at AlarmPermits.inSunnyvale.com. Permits are \$35 for residential customers and \$70 for commercial customers.



NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

Neighborhood associations play an important role in building a sense of community in Sunnyvale. They foster community pride, neighborhood attractiveness and connect neighborhoods to City Hall. The City offers special benefits to neighborhood associations that join the Neighborhood Registry, including free use of park building facilities on a space-available basis and a one-time grant of \$100 to assist new neighborhood associations with start-up costs. To learn more about the benefits of starting a neighborhood association or the City's Neighborhood Registry program, call the Community Outreach Coordinator, Nathan Truitt at (408) 730-7472, TDD (408) 730-7501 or visit Neighborhoods.inSunnyvale.com.

Sunnyvale currently has 20 active neighborhood associations:

Birdland Neighbors*
Contact: Rose Bullinger
(408) 737-2781
groups.yahoo.com/group/BirdlandNeighbors
Meetings: Call or e-mail for upcoming meetings

Braly Corners Neighborhood Association*
Contact: Jack Kroll
(408) 739-2729
jkroll@igc.org
Meetings: Call or e-mail for upcoming meetings.

Canary Drive Neighborhood Association*
Contact: Steve Gospe
(408) 736-4591
Meetings: Call contact person.

Charles Street 100*
Contact: Monica Davis
(650) 947-2294
monica.davis@cbnocal.com
Meetings: Call or e-mail for upcoming meetings .

Cherry Orchard Neighbors Association*
Contact: Carla Klein
cjklein@sbcglobal.net
Meetings: E-mail for upcoming meetings.

Cumberland South Neighborhood Association*
Contact: Reid Myers
(408) 749-0903
cumberlandsouth-owner@yahoogroups.com

Gavello Glen Neighborhood Association
Contact: Barbara Weber
(408) 736-1949
beweber@prodigy.net
Meetings: Call or e-mail for upcoming meetings.

Heritage District Neighborhood Association*
Contact: Tom Carrig
(408) 736-6147
car357@pacbell.net
Dave Whittum
(650) 906-7681
whittum@ieee.org
Meetings: First Friday of the month, 7 p.m., at Murphy Park Building.

Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association*
Contact: Michael Majchrowicz
(408) 396-3727
president@lvna.net
Meetings: Second Wednesday of the month, 7 p.m., Lakewood Park Building.

Lowlanders Neighborhood Association
Contact: Bill Godwin
(408) 242-5687
Meetings: Quarterly meetings at Murphy Park Building. Call the contact person for details.

Ortega Park Neighborhood Association*
Contact: Kitty Chuang
opna_kitty@yahoo.com
Meetings: Call contact person.

Panama Park Neighborhood Association*
Contact: Robert Harms
(408) 736-9128
Meetings: Call contact person.

Ponderosa Park Neighborhood Association*
Contact: Kristin Farnham
(408) 261-2055
groups.yahoo.com/group/ponderosaparkneighbors/
Meetings: Call contact person.

Raynor Park Neighborhood Association
Contact: Irene Castro
(408) 739-5739
rpnasunnyvale@aol.com
Meetings: Second Thursday of every other month. Call the contact person about upcoming meetings.

San Miguel Neighbors Association*
Contact: Tara Martin-Milius
taramil@sbcglobal.net
Meetings: Second Monday of the month at 7 p.m., San Miguel School teacher's lounge.

S.N.A.I.L.*
Contact: Jim Quaderer, Chairperson
(408) 737-9479
Meetings: First Thursday of the month at 7 p.m., Columbia Middle School teacher's lounge.

Stratford Gardens*
Contact: Don R. Thomas
(408) 733-2621
drtentltd@aol.com
Meetings: Call or e-mail for upcoming meetings.

SunnyArts*
Contact: Amit Srivastava
(408) 624-0044
mrarnit@gmail.com
Meetings: Call or e-mail for upcoming meetings.

Sunnyvale West Neighborhood Association*
Contact: Gopal Patangay
(408) 839-7010
gpatangay@yahoo.com
Meetings: Third Monday of each month. Call or e-mail contact person for meeting location.

Wrightmont Corner
Contact: Connie Portele
(408) 736-3585
cportele@comcast.net
Meetings: Call or e-mail for upcoming meetings.

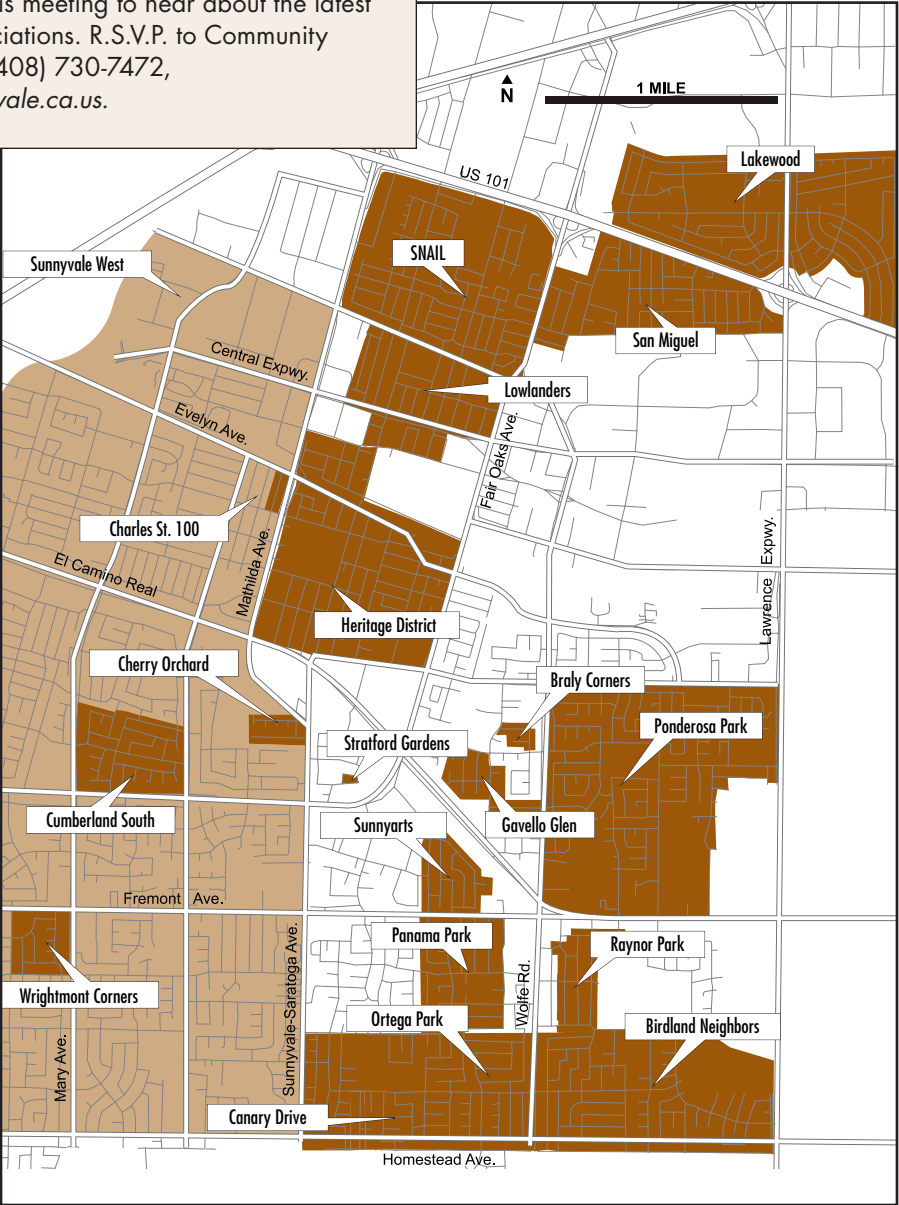
*Denotes registered neighborhood associations. Registered neighborhood associations have entered into an agreement with the City of Sunnyvale and receive special rights and privileges as outlined in that agreement. 🌟

SUNNYVALE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

Fall Quarterly Meeting

Monday, November 5, 7 p.m., Sunnyvale Senior Center, Sequoia Room

Are you a neighborhood association officer? Are you interested in starting an association in your neighborhood? Want to learn more about Sunnyvale's neighborhood associations and why they are the building blocks of our community? Then attend this meeting to hear about the latest topics of interest for neighborhood associations. R.S.V.P. to Community Outreach Coordinator Nathan Truitt at (408) 730-7472, TDD (408) 730-7501 or ntruitt@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us.



VOLUNTEERS IMPROVE SUNNYVALE PARKS

In July, groups of volunteers turned out to assist the City of Sunnyvale staff improve three Sunnyvale parks.

Eagle Scout Victor Chin of Troop 452 coordinated 33 fellow scouts to sand and seal the wooden play structure at Braly Park, resulting in over 100 hours of volunteer labor. Monroe Bottel, Senior Parks Leader, supervised this group in a much-needed effort.

At Washington Park, thirty people from Crosswalk Community Church spread over 40 cubic yards of wood chips. This helps to conserve water in the ground for plants and reduces the use of pesticides by restricting weed growth. In addition, they washed and waxed all of the playground equipment to make the park safer and more attractive to visitors. Under the direction of Scott Morton, Parks Supervisor, they provided 100 hours of volunteer labor toward the improvement of Washington Park.

The Sunrise Rotary Club, in a project coordinated by member Paul Reed, rebuilt the sensory garden at Ortega Park. Eighteen volunteers gave the garden a new location after foot traffic from the nearby playground had destroyed the garden over the past couple of years. Morton called this a very successful project, and appreciated the efforts of the volunteers who provided over 70 hours of work.

If your group would like to volunteer for a project with the Parks and Recreation Department, or other City departments, contact the Volunteer Resources Office at (408) 730-7533 or volunteerresources@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us. For other volunteer questions or information, contact Carolyn Lutticken, Volunteer Resources Coordinator, at (408) 730-7454, or check our Web site, Volunteering.inSunnyvale.com. ☀

CITY STAFF UPDATING GENERAL PLAN TO ENCOURAGE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The City of Sunnyvale has a strong tradition of community engagement. Community members volunteer their time and talent to serve on boards, commissions and advisory committees to help shape the future of Sunnyvale. Neighborhood Associations and Sunnyvale Neighbors Actively Prepared (SNAP) bring neighbors together a spirit of cooperation and collaboration to solve problems and build a sense of community. Community engagement means not only the connection between our residents and City Hall, but also the connections among community members. Community engagement is an essential tool for local government to identify and respond to residents' concerns and needs. An informed and involved community helps to build a strong, positive community identity.

The Community Participation sub-element of the Sunnyvale General Plan was originally adopted in 1983 and last updated in 1995. Staff is now updating the Community Participation sub-element to reflect Sunnyvale's continued commitment to community engagement in relation to current census data and trends. The draft of the update is scheduled to be presented to Council Tuesday, October 30. For more information, contact Patricia Lord at (408) 730-7477, TDD (408) 730-7501 or e-mail plord@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us. ☀

‘FOR YOUR HEALTH’ – COMMUNITY LECTURE SERIES

When your thyroid, a small gland with the main function of controlling your metabolism, is not functioning properly it can cause changes to your weight, sleep, energy and more. Millions of Americans, of all ages and races, have thyroid disease and the majority of them are women. Find out more about the different types of thyroid disease and the best treatment options. Seating is limited, so please call (408) 523-3295 or visit www.caminomedical.org to reserve a seat. ☀

Thyroid Disease: The Highs, Lows and Bumps
Presented by Todd Kaye, M.D., Endocrinology
 Wednesday, October 24, 2007
 Time: 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.
 Place: Sunnyvale City Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.



BIRDING AT THE SUNNYVALE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT AND LANDFILL

By Freddy Howell, Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society

In November 2002, Silvianna Ruiz, a City of Sunnyvale field technician, contacted the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society about the possibility of volunteers leading birding trips

around the landfill area on a monthly basis. She wanted to share the excitement she felt looking at all the birds with the many people in the surrounding offices who use the area to walk and jog during their lunch hours. For the volunteers, it was a great chance to visit an exciting birding location on a regular basis.

One of the most enjoyable aspects of our monthly trips has been the ability to see the seasons change and see the differences in the bird populations. During the fall and winter, we see huge rafts of ducks on the far ponds from the hill, called Mt. Sunnyvale by some. One of my favorites is the Northern Shoveler, which we see by the thousands. Northern Pintail, Gadwall and Ruddy Ducks can also be identified through binoculars and scopes. As we follow the hill path up to look out over the wetlands behind Yahoo, we usually see White-tailed Kites, Peregrine Falcons, and Red-tailed Hawks in the bushes and on the power towers.

In the wetlands themselves, we see Black-crowned Night Herons hiding in the reeds, Black-necked Stilts feeding and, in the late spring, nesting. Canada Geese are everywhere, all year round. This time of year the swallows are back. Barn, Northern Rough-winged and Cliff swallows call out while careening

above us. They are also joined by Forster's Terns who dive into the ponds after fish. We have been lucky enough to see a Green Heron sitting on a nest and an American Coot feeding its multicolored puffball babies. As we are walking, we can hear the elusive Marsh Wrens calling from the reeds where they are busy building nests. The "wichety, wichety, wichety" of the Common Yellowthroat brings us to a halt until we see movement and finally see his bright yellow body. Both types of beautiful white egrets are usually visible by the out flow, hoping for a fish to come by. Of course, we are always on the lookout for the dwindling population of Burrowing Owls which use ground squirrel burrows.

Join us for a leisurely one-hour walk the first Wednesday of every month, from noon to 1 p.m.. We provide binoculars, if you need them, and field guides.

Editor's note: Freddy Howell is with the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society. The Sunnyvale landfill is located at 1444 Borregas Ave., north of Caribbean Drive. To attend one of the birding tours, call Silvianna Ruiz at (408) 730-7545, TDD (408) 730-7501, or e-mail sruiz@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us.

SAVING WATER STARTS AT HOME

Did you know that typical indoor water use accounts for approximately half of your monthly water bill? Here's how indoor water use breaks down:

Toilets	10%
Showers	10%
Laundry	9.5%
Leaks	9%
Faucets	8%
Baths	1%
Dishwashers	5%

The rest of your bill accounts for outdoor water use at approximately 52 percent. Finding ways to use water more wisely in the home can lower water and energy costs. As an example, replacing an obsolete six-gallon-per-flush-toilet with a high efficiency toilet could save 75 percent of the water typically used in one toilet flush. Replacing inefficient appliances achieves long-term savings that can actually put money back in your pocket.

Several programs exist within Santa Clara County and Sunnyvale residents are eligible to participate.

Water Conservation Rebate Programs

Electric and Gas Industries Association (EGIA) Clothes Washer Rebate Program – The EGIA program offers Santa Clara County residents a \$100 – \$150 rebate for the purchase and installation of a qualifying, new high-efficiency clothes washer until December 31, 2007. The rebate forms can be obtained from most appliance stores, or through their Web site at www.conservationsrebates.com.

The Santa Clara Valley Water District is offering High Efficiency Toilet (HET) Rebates up to \$125 to replace 3.5 gallons per flush (gpf) or greater toilets with an HET dual flush model or one that flushes at less than 1.28 gpf. To qualify for the rebate, residents must first obtain pre-approval by registering with the District and must select a model from the District's approved list. For more information, call their Water Conservation Hotline at (408) 265-2607 ext. 2553, or check their Web site at www.valleywater.org/water/water_conservation.

In addition to rebates for more efficient appliances, the Water District is offering homeowners free water usage audits and free low-flow shower and faucet heads.

For more water conservation information, visit WaterConservation.inSunnyvale.com.

PROTECT YOUR IDENTITY – COME TO OUR SHREDDING EVENT

Oct. 13, 8 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Lowe's Parking Lot, 811 E. Arques Ave. (visit www.lowes.com for directions)

The City of Sunnyvale's Public Safety Department and Recycling Program are sponsoring a paper-shredding event October 13. It's being held in the Lowe's parking lot in conjunction with the Public Safety Pancake Breakfast (see story on page 9). Shred, eat and shop!

Bring your personal records and files and we'll shred them and recycle the paper for you at no cost. Free up space, eliminate security risks and get rid of outdated papers!*

**Staples, rubber bands, folders, paper clips, etc. do not need to be removed before shredding occurs. If you have questions, contact the Sunnyvale Recycling Program at (408) 730-7262.*

POLLUTION PREVENTION WEEK

Take The Next Step

This year, state and federal agencies, businesses and communities nationwide have teamed up to promote the benefits of pollution prevention during National Pollution Prevention Week, starting September 17. Their slogan, Take the Next Step, was developed to encourage people to make a new start by incorporating pollution prevention activities into their everyday lives. Practicing pollution prevention in the garden or during indoor and outdoor chores can be easy by simply adopting some alternative practices.

Gardening Tips

Many people depend on commercial chemical products as the first and only means of controlling weeds and unwanted pests in their garden. Various alternatives and techniques exist that will contribute to a cleaner, safer and pollution-free environment.

To rid your garden of unwanted pests, introduce predatory insects such as ground beetles, praying mantises or ladybugs by planting foliage that will attract these beneficial insects into your garden. Do not fertilize or spray pesticides when rain is forecast within 24 hours. Runoff from rain or over watering can carry fertilizer and pesticide residues to the storm drain system,

degrading water quality in local creeks and the Bay. Control weeds by hand picking them and then applying mulch from wood chips or grass clippings. Mulch acts as a natural fertilizer, reducing the need for chemical fertilizers which can get into our water.

Around the House

Chores and activities around the house can cause water pollution.

Wash your car on a grassy area, gravel driveway or unpaved surface, or take your car to a commercial car wash. Washing the car in the driveway causes dirty, soapy water to flow to the storm drain which pollutes our creeks and Bay. Repair leaking vehicles promptly to help keep auto fluids off the street. Soak up spills with an absorbent such as kitty litter or sand. If you change your own oil or antifreeze, recycle it. Never dump oil or any auto fluid on the dirt or in the storm drain. Avoid using toxic chemicals to clear a drain. Instead, clear your drains by pouring 1/4 cup baking soda into the drain, followed by 1/4 cup vinegar. Later, flush the drain with boiling water.

Encourage family and friends to Take the Next Step. Working together, we can protect our shared environment through pollution prevention. ☺

UPDATE: SUSTAINABLE SUNNYVALE

On September 25, City Council was scheduled to hold a study session on the City's current and in-development environmental sustainability policies and practices. The following areas were scheduled to be examined:

- Air Quality
- Water Conservation
- Waste Reduction
- Energy Reduction and Alternative Fuels
- Transportation Management
- Land Use
- Community Design and Development

Updates on best practices, Sunnyvale's path forward, and plans for maintaining regional leadership will be included in future editions of the *Quarterly Report*. For more information on Sunnyvale's environmental practices, go to Green.InSunnyvale.com, or contact Coryn Campbell at ccampbell@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us. ☼

AMERICA RECYCLES DAY UNITES, PROTECTS, OFFERS PRIZES

Now an annual event, America Recycles Day is celebrated November 15. This day is sponsored by the recycling industry and related agencies to promote the importance of recycling in protecting our natural resources and enhancing the quality of the environment

To pledge to recycle or continue to recycle, visit www.americarecyclesday.org for information about local events. Every individual making a pledge may enter a recycling contest in which prizes will be awarded. Grand prizes have included hybrid vehicles, a recycled-content constructed house and bikes for kids.

For information about the recycling services provided by the City of Sunnyvale, see www.sunnyvalerecycles.org. Or, for more information about other environmental programs or resources, go to Green.inSunnyvale.com. ☼



WPCP GETS THE GOLD

Sunnyvale's Water Pollution Control Plant has been selected to receive the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) GOLD Peak Performance Award, recognizing public wastewater treatment facilities for outstanding compliance in 2006. The GOLD award showcases an outstanding example of environmental efforts by honoring treatment works that have achieved 100 percent compliance with their NPDES permit for an entire year.

**FOR ALL
CITY SERVICES,
TDD ACCESS
(408) 730-7501**

SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCE MONTH

The City of Sunnyvale is partnering with the Small Business Administration to bring you Small Business Resource Month in November.

The City will offer an exciting series of small business workshops at Sunnyvale Public Library. The Library is located at 665 W. Olive Ave. Topics may include:

- Small Business Administration Services
- How to Start a Business
- How to Write a Business Plan
- Business Expansion
- Marketing
- E-Commerce
- Finance
- Business Taxes

Class schedule and registration forms will be available starting October 9. Visit the Small Business Administration Web site at www.sba.gov or the City of Sunnyvale Web sites at www.sunnyvale-econdev.com or Library.inSunnyvale.com.

Or you can contact Economic Development at (408) 730-7607, TDD (408) 730-7501. ☼



October 1 – December 31
Community Calendar also available
online: www.sunnyvale.ca.gov/events

In addition to City-sponsored events, the Community Calendar includes non City-sponsored events. Events posted to this calendar do not necessarily imply endorsement by the City of Sunnyvale. The calendar serves as an information-only resource for the community. All dates and times are subject to change.

City Holidays

November 22
City Offices Closed
(in observance of Thanksgiving)

November 23
City Offices Closed
(in observance of Thanksgiving)

December 24
City Offices Closed
(in observance of Christmas Eve)

December 25
City Offices Closed
(in observance of Christmas)

December 31
City Offices Closed
(in observance of New Year's Eve)

Recurring Meetings and Events

City Meetings

City Council: Meets most Tuesdays at 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.

Arts Commission: Meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission: Meets on the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.

Board of Building Code Appeals: Meetings are held only when necessary. For more information call (408) 730-7444.

Board of Library Trustees: Meets on the first Monday of the month, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.

Child Care Advisory Board: Meets on the fourth Tuesday of each quarter, 11:30 a.m., West Conference Room, 456 W. Olive Ave.

Heritage Preservation Commission: Meets on the first Wednesday of every other month, 7 p.m., West Conference Room, 456 West Olive Ave.

Housing and Human Services Commission: Meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month, 7 p.m., West Conference Room, 456 W. Olive Ave.

Parks and Recreation Commission: Meets on the second Wednesday of the month, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.

Personnel Board: Meets on the third Monday of the month, 5 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.

Planning Commission: Meets on the second and fourth Monday of the month, 8 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.

Recurring Community Meetings and Events

American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Monthly Meeting: 1:30 p.m., Sunnyvale Senior Center, 550 E. Remington Dr. For more information contact Lu Zentner, (408) 481-0890 or ez611@comcast.net.

Business Mixer, 5 p.m., evening networking events held every fourth Thursday of the month. For more information or to make a reservation contact the Sunnyvale Chamber of Commerce, (408) 736-4971.

Farmer's Market, Saturdays (rain or shine), 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., S. Murphy Ave. between Washington and Evelyn Avenues. For more information call (510) 745-7100 or visit www.urbanvillageonline.com/sunnyvale/index.html

Fair Oaks Toastmasters, Sundays, 11:30 a.m., Fair Oaks West Club, 655 S. Fair Oaks Ave. For more information contact Hanh Chau, (408) 251-2521, bchau1@aol.com or visit www.geocities.com/fairoakstoastmasters .

Glaucoma Support Group Of The South Bay, 6:30 p.m., meets the fourth Wednesday of the month. Camino Medical Group Urgent Care Center; Conference Room #2, 201 Old San Francisco Road. For more information contact Sally Twestens, Health Education Department, Camino Medical Group, (408) 523-3221 or Chris Saleh, Moderator/Founder, (408) 404-8479

Impressions Scrapbooking and Crafts
Meets the first Wednesday of the month, 7 p.m., Sunnyvale Adventist Church Fellowship Hall, 653 W. Fremont Ave. For more information contact Shannon Fiorello, (408) 782-0105, cropalong@hotmail.com or Shannon Andres, (408) 245-5634, cmbeartsong@hotmail.com.

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off, Drop-off at Sunnyvale Event Site (164 Carl Rd), 8 a.m. – 1 p.m., Held on the third Saturday of every month (except December). For more information call (408) 730-7262, TDD (408) 730-7501.

Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley Weekly Meeting: 7:20 a.m., Lookout Inn, 605 Macara Ave., (Sunnyvale Golf Course). For more information contact Bruce Carlson, (408) 774-0609 or bruce@carlsonfun.com.

Wake-Up Sunnyvale, Monthly networking breakfasts held every second Thursday of the month at 7:30 a.m. For more information or to make a reservation please contact the Sunnyvale Chamber of Commerce, (408) 736-4971.

Neighborhood Association Meetings

Heritage District Neighborhood Association Meetings
Meets held the first Friday of each month, 7 p.m., Murphy Park Building, 260 N. Sunnyvale Ave. For more information, please call Tom Carrig at (408) 736-6147.

Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association Meetings
Meets the second Thursday of each month, 7 p.m. (except December), Fairwood School or Lakewood School – please visit the Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association web site for locations at www.lvna.net. For more information, please email Michael Majchrowicz, president@lvna.net.

San Miguel Neighbors Association Meetings
Meets the second Monday of each month, 7 p.m., San Miguel School Teachers' Lounge, 777 San Miguel Ave. For more information, please call Tara Martin-Milius at (408) 733-5778.

SNAIL (Sunnyvale Neighbors of Arbor Including La Linda)
Meets the first Thursday of each month, 7 p.m., Columbia Middle School Teacher's Lounge, 739 Morse Ave. For more information contact Elaine Rowan, (408) 749-1846.

Classes and Programs

Compost Workshop, Sunnyvale Community Center Arboretum
10 a.m. – noon. Workshops are one Saturday per month with registration deadline the day before. For more information, call the Recycling Program at (408) 730-7262, TDD (408) 730-7501.

October

October 1 – 7
Sunnyvale Community Players presents *The Music Man*. For more information or to purchase tickets call (408) 733-6611 or visit www.sunnyvaleplayers.org.

October 1
Board of Library Trustees Meeting, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.

October 1 – October 26
Fall Cleanup – Extra Garbage pickup on regularly scheduled pickup days. To schedule a large item pickup or for more information call (408) 565-9900.

October 2
No City Council Meeting Scheduled

October 3
Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley Weekly Meeting, 7:20 a.m.

American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Monthly Meeting, 12:15 p.m.

Impressions Scrapbooking & Crafts, 7 p.m.

October 4
SNAIL Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting, 7 p.m.

October 5
Heritage District Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting, 7 p.m.

October 6
Farmer's Market. 9 a.m.

October 6-7
Extra Dump Weekend, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. No charge for Sunnyvale residents, restrictions apply. For more information call (408) 730-7262, TDD (408) 730-7501.

October 7
14th Annual Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) Silicon Valley Walk to Cure Diabetes. Registration begins 10 a.m. – Walk begins 11 a.m., Baylands Park (Lawrence Expressway off Highway 237 at Caribbean Drive). Through the support of hundreds of in-kind donors, all participants are treated to breakfast, lunch and entertainment – helping to make the day a fun, family-oriented event. The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International (JDRF) is the leading charitable funder and advocate of type 1 diabetes research worldwide. The mission of JDRF is to find a cure for diabetes and its complications through the support of research. For more information contact Jen Stokes (415) 597-6303 or jstokes@jdrf.org .

Fair Oaks Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m.

October 8-19
California Theater Center presents *Just So Stories*. For more information or to purchase tickets call (408) 245-2978 or visit www.ctcinc.org

October 8
Planning Commission Meeting, 8 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.

San Miguel Neighbors Association General Meeting, 7 p.m.

October 9
City Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.

Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting, 7 p.m.

October 10
Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley Weekly Meeting, 7:20 a.m.

17th Annual CONNECT! Awards Event, Hyatt Regency Santa Clara, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Ten individuals will be honored for their successes as a result of their participation in various employment-related programs. Five individuals and organizations that have contributed to the ongoing success of NOVA and the CONNECT! one-stop system, will also be recognized. For more information, visit NOVA at www.novaworks.org/awardsevent2007/.

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.

October 11
Wake-Up Sunnyvale, 7:30 a.m.

October 13
Sunnyvale Public Safety Ninth Annual Pancake Breakfast: 8 a.m. – 11 a.m., Fire Station 2, 795 E. Arques Ave. Meet Sunnyvale public safety officers, tour the fire station, see K-9 demonstrations, document shredding onsite and more. For more information please call (408) 730-7140, TDD (408) 730-7501.

Farmer's Market, 9 a.m.

October 14
Extra Dump Weekend, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. No charge for Sunnyvale residents, restrictions apply. For more information call (408) 730-7262, TDD (408) 730-7501.

Fair Oaks Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m.

October 15
Personnel Board Meeting, 5 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.

October 16
City Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.

October 17
Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley Weekly Meeting, 7:20 a.m.

Arts Commission Meeting, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 West Olive Ave.

October 18
7th Annual Family Fun Night at Columbia Neighborhood Center, 6:30 p.m., Columbia Neighborhood Center Gym (next to Columbia Middle School), 785 Morse Ave. For more information call (408) 523-8150.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC) Meeting, 6:30 p.m., West Conference Room, 456 W. Olive Ave.

October 20
Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Farmer's Market, 9 a.m.

Compost Workshop, 10 a.m., Sunnyvale Community Center - Arboretum

An Evening of Cultural Arts presents – *The Stairwell Sisters*, 8 p.m. For more information or to purchase tickets (408) 733-6611.

October 21
Fair Oaks Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m.

October 22
Planning Commission Meeting, 8 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.

October 23
Child Care Advisory Board (CCAB) Meeting, 11:30 a.m., West Conference Room, 456 W. Olive Ave.

<p>City Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.</p> <p>October 24 Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley Weekly Meeting, 7:20 a.m.</p> <p>Housing and Human Services Commission Meeting, 7 p.m., West Conference Room, 456 W. Olive Ave.</p> <p>Glaucoma Support Group Of The South Bay, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>‘For Your Health’ Free Community Wellness Presentation “Thyroid Disease: The Highs, Lows and Bumps”; 7 p.m., Sunnyvale City Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave. Presented through a partnership between Camino Medical Group and the City of Sunnyvale. When your thyroid, a small gland with the main function of controlling your metabolism, is not functioning properly it can cause changes to your weight, sleep, energy and more. Millions of Americans, of all ages and races, have thyroid disease and the majority is women. Find out more about the different types of thyroid disease and the best treatment options. Presented by Todd Kaye, M.D., Endocrinology. Seating is limited, call (408) 523-3295 or visit <i>www.caminomedical.org</i> to reserve a seat.</p> <p>October 24 – November 2 California Theater Center presents – <i>The Time Machine</i>. For more information or to purchase tickets call (408) 245-2978 or visit <i>www.ctcinc.org</i></p> <p>October 25 Business Mixer, 5 p.m.</p> <p>October 26 – November 18 Sunnyvale Community Players presents <i>My Favorite Year</i>. For more information or to purchase tickets call (408) 733-6611 or visit <i>www.sunnyvaleplayers.org</i>.</p> <p>October 27 Farmer’s Market, 9 a.m.</p> <p>Friends of the Library Book Sale, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Raynor Center, 1500 Partridge Ave. Find terrific bargains on books, movies and music. Members-only shopping begins at 9 a.m. From 2:30 p.m. – 4 p.m., books may be purchased for only \$4/bag. For more information on Library events, please call (408) 730-7300 or visit <i>Library.inSunnyvale.com</i>.</p> <p>October 28 Fair Oaks Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>October 30 No City Council Meeting Scheduled</p> <p>October 31 Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley Weekly Meeting, 7:20 a.m.</p> <p>Impressions Scrapbooking & Crafts, 7 p.m.</p> <p>November</p> <p>November 1 SNAIL Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting, 7 p.m.</p> <p>November 2 Heritage District Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting, 7 p.m.</p> <p>November 3 Farmer’s Market, 9 a.m.</p> <p>November 4 Fair Oaks Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>November 5 Board of Library Trustees Meeting, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.</p> <p>November 6 Election Day</p> <p>No Council Meeting Scheduled</p> <p>November 7 Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley Weekly Meeting, 7:20 a.m.</p> <p>American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Monthly Meeting, 12:15 p.m.</p> <p>Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting, 7 p.m., West Conference Room, 456 W. Olive Ave.</p> <p>November 10 Farmer’s Market, 9 a.m.</p> <p>November 11 Fair Oaks Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>November 12 Planning Commission Meeting, 8 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.</p> <p>San Miguel Neighbors Association General Meeting, 7 p.m.</p> <p>November 13 No City Council Meeting Scheduled</p> <p>Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting, 7 p.m.</p> <p>November 14 Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley Weekly Meeting, 7:20 a.m.</p>	<p>Joint Parks and Recreation and Arts Commission Meeting, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.</p> <p>Housing and Human Services Commission Meeting, 7 p.m., West Conference Room, 456 W. Olive Ave</p> <p>November 15 Business Mixer, 5 p.m.</p> <p>Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC) Meeting, 6:30 p.m., West Conference Room, 456 W. Olive Ave.</p> <p>November 17 Farmer’s Market, 9 a.m.</p> <p>Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.</p> <p>November 18 Fair Oaks Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>November 19 Personnel Board Meeting, 5 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.</p> <p>November 20 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.</p> <p>November 21 Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley Weekly Meeting, 7:20 a.m.</p> <p>November 23 – 23 City Offices Closed (in observance of Thanksgiving)</p> <p>Thanksgiving Trash and Recycling Collection Schedule</p> <p>Regular Thursday pickup will be on Friday, November 23</p> <p>Regular Friday pickup will be on Saturday, November 24</p> <p>November 24 Farmer’s Market, 9 a.m.</p> <p>An Evening of Cultural Arts presents <i>Oscar Reynolds & Karumantu</i>, 8 p.m. For more information or to purchase tickets (408) 733-6611.</p> <p>November 25 Fair Oaks Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>November 26 Planning Commission Meeting, 8 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.</p> <p>November 27 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.</p> <p>November 28 Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley Weekly Meeting, 7:20 a.m.</p> <p>Glaucoma Support Group Of The South Bay, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>December</p> <p>December 1 Farmer’s Market, 9 a.m.</p> <p>Fair Oaks Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>December 3 Board of Library Trustees Meeting, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.</p> <p>December 4 Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave</p> <p>December 5 Impressions Scrapbooking & Crafts, 7 p.m.</p> <p>American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Monthly Meeting: 12:15 p.m.</p> <p>Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley Weekly Meeting, 7:20 a.m.</p> <p>December 6 SNAIL Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Sunnyvale Community Services Auction, 5 p.m., 725 Kifer Road. For more information or to donate an item, call (408) 738-4321.</p> <p>December 7 Heritage District Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting, 7 p.m.</p> <p>December 8 Farmer’s Market, 9 a.m.</p> <p>Sunnyvale Singers – Winter Concert, 8 p.m. For more information to purchase tickets call (408) 369-1877.</p> <p>December 9 Fair Oaks Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>December 10 Planning Commission Meeting, 8 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.</p> <p>December 10 San Miguel Neighbors Association General Meeting, 7 p.m.</p> <p>December 11 Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting, 7 p.m.</p> <p>City Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.</p> <p>December 12 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.</p>	<p>Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley Weekly Meeting, 7:20 a.m.</p> <p>December 15 Farmer’s Market, 9 a.m.</p> <p>An Evening of Cultural Arts presents – <i>The Christmas Jug Band</i>, 8 p.m. For more information or to purchase tickets (408) 733-6611.</p> <p>December 16 Fair Oaks Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>December 17 Personnel Board Meeting, 5 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.</p> <p>December 18 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.</p> <p>December 19 Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley Weekly Meeting, 7:20 a.m.</p> <p>Arts Commission Meeting, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.</p> <p>Housing and Human Services Commission Meeting, 7 p.m., West Conference Room, 456 W. Olive Ave</p> <p>December 20 Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC) Meeting, 6:30 p.m., West Conference Room, 456 W. Olive Ave.</p> <p>December 22 Farmer’s Market, 9 a.m.</p> <p>December 23 Fair Oaks Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>December 24 City Offices Closed (in observance of Christmas Eve)</p> <p>December 25 No Council Meeting Scheduled</p> <p>City Offices Closed (in observance of Christmas)</p> <p>December 29 Farmer’s Market, 9 a.m.</p> <p>December 30 Fair Oaks Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>December 31 City Offices Closed (in observance of New Year’s Eve)</p> <p>Holiday Garbage and Recycling Collection Schedule</p> <p>Christmas (Dec. 25, 2007) and New Year’s Day (Jan. 1, 2008) are both on Tuesdays. All residential collections during those two weeks will be moved forward one day; Tuesday customers on Wednesday and so on. Questions? Call Specialty Solid Waste & Recycling at (408) 565-9900.</p> <p>Ongoing Events</p> <p>Fun On The Run City of Sunnyvale’s Mobile Activities Program. For more information call (408) 730-7523.</p> <p>Sunnyvale Family Child Care Network Provider Meetings A group of family child care providers who meet on the second Tuesday of each month for support, networking and education. For more information, call Manijeh Khazeni, (408) 736-6310.</p> <p>SNAP (Sunnyvale Neighborhoods Actively Prepare) Program The Sunnyvale Office of Emergency Services works with our citizens to prepare them for catastrophic emergencies such as fires, earthquakes or other natural and man-made disasters that can be applied in the home, school, neighborhood or wherever needed in Sunnyvale. A new schedule of classes is coming in the fall. For more information call Cherel Sampson, (408) 730-7190 or <i>SNAP@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us</i></p> <p>Water Pollution Plant Tours Sign up for a tour of the Sunnyvale’s Water Pollution Control Plant. To schedule a tour or for more information call (408) 730-7717.</p> <p>SMaRT Station® Tours See how garbage and recyclable materials from Mountain View, Palo Alto and Sunnyvale are processed and sorted for recycling at the Sunnyvale Materials Recovery and Transfer Station. Tours are available by appointment and are appropriate for persons 8 years of age and older. To schedule a tour or for more information call (408) 752-8530 or <i>www.sunnyvalerecycle.org</i>.</p> <p>SMaRT Birding Tours The City has collaborated with the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society to offer free one-hour bird-watching tours at Sunnyvale’s closed landfill. Interested parties should meet at noon on the first Wednesday of the month at 1444 Borregas Ave., north of Caribbean Drive, in Sunnyvale. For additional information, please call Silviana Ruiz, (408) 730-7545 or <i>srui@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us</i>.</p> <p>Community Calendar Online <i>events.inSunnyvale.com</i></p>
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